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Work and Workers.

PROFESSOR DAVID S. SCHAFF, D.D., who has occupied the chair of church history in Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, O., for the past six years, has been elected to the chair of church history in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa. He will enter upon his new duties there at the beginning of the next year. He is the son of the distinguished Dr. Philip Schaff, with whom he was associated in the publication of many of the large works which have contributed much to the theological knowledge of the present time. Professor Schaff was born in 1852, and is a graduate of Yale University and Union Theological Seminary.

AN English text of the Code of Hammurabi has been published by Rev. C. H. W. Johns, A.M., Lecturer in Assyriology in the University of Cambridge (imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York ; pp. 88 ; \$0.75, *net*). The English reader has therefore before him a complete text in English of the famous Code, with which he can make his own comparison of the biblical legislation. Mr. Johns's book is entitled *The Oldest Code of Laws in the World*. It does not discuss these laws or treat them in relation to the biblical material, but simply presents them in translation and furnishes an elaborate index to their contents. The author promises in his introduction to publish soon a larger work upon the Code, in which it may be supposed he will deal adequately with the problems which the Code presents.

AN important and admirable effort has been made in England this summer to bring higher biblical instruction to the attention of educated women. A three-weeks' school has been held for this purpose at Newnham College in Cambridge. The subjects and lecturers are: (1) "New Testament Christology," by Professor Swete ; (2) "Old Testament Religion," by Professor Kirkpatrick ; (3) "New Testament Times," by Professor Stanton ; (4) "Isaiah," by Dr. Barnes ; (5) "The Epistle to the Romans," by Dr. Beet ; (6) "The Philosophy of Religion," by Dr. Rashdall ; (7) "The Synoptic Gospels," by Mr. F. C. Burkitt ; (8) "Genesis and Exodus," by Rev. C. F. Burney ; (9) "The History of Israel," by Rev. R. H. Kennett. In addition to these series of lectures there will be single lectures upon special subjects. Critical

and archæological questions will receive due attention. The courses are to be scholarly and instructive. The school is intended for Churchmen and Nonconformists equally, and is open to all who care to avail themselves of the opportunity. It is to be hoped that there may grow out of it a permanent summer school by which biblical knowledge may be extended.

AN important addition has been made to the study of the patristic period by the publication of a new edition of the *Didascalia*. The new edition appears in two forms: first in Syriac, edited from a Mesopotamian manuscript with critical apparatus; second in English, translated from this Syriac text. The editor is Mrs. Margaret Dunlop Gibson, of Cambridge, England, whose services to biblical study have already been large. The Syriac edition which has been in use up to this time was published by Lagarde in 1854, and has been for a long time out of print. Mrs. Gibson's edition is not based upon the manuscript which Lagarde used, but upon a new manuscript which was procured by Dr. Rendel Harris in the Orient. The publishers of the Syriac and English editions just out are Messrs. C. J. Clay & Sons, London.

It will be recalled that the *Didascalia* is a name for the early document, belonging probably to the first half of the third century, on which the first six books of the Apostolic Constitutions were based. The *Didascalia* is a series of discourses on church life. The first book consists of precepts for the laity. The second book concerns the duties and rights of the clergy, bishops, presbyters, and deacons; it treats also of church courts and of the internal arrangement of the church building. The third book is on widows and baptism. The fourth book is on orphans, and their adoption. The fifth book is on the care and honor due to martyrs and confessors, and on Christian festivals. The sixth book is on heresies and schisms. The material is valuable for the study of the Christian church in the third century. It is interesting also for its biblical quotations, especially those from the gospels.

This work, in Syriac and in English, constitutes the first two parts of a series undertaken by Mrs. Gibson entitled "Horæ Semiticæ."